component. In the event of misutilisatton of funds by the beneficiary, action is taken for recovery of the funds.

(b) Local MPs, MLAs, officials and representatives of the SCs|STs and Women are members of the Governing Body of DRDA. DRDAs are overall ineharge of planning, implementation monitoring and evaluation of the programmes in the district. Active participation of the local people in the implementation of the Pro-gramme starts with the procedures for identification of IRDP beneficiaries in the open Gram Sabha. Further, it has been advised to set up Beneficiaries Advisory Committees at Block Level and Sub Committees at Panchayat Level. These Committees discuss the programme procedures and arrangements in the light of experiences of the Beneficiaries. Voluntary Organisation are also involved in the organisation of groups of IRDP beneficiaries to make them aware of their rights and duties,

Funds to NCCF

4128. SHRI RAM AWADESH SINGH: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the funds provided by Government to NCCF during the Cooperative Year 1986-87;

(b) whether NCCF's Sales Turnover and Profits during the Coopefative year 1986-87 have shown any improvements over the previous year;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the factors and officers res ponsible therefor,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) During the year 1986-87 Government of India provided a share capital Assistance of Rs. 20 lakhs and a subsidy of R3. 25 lakhs for the Consultancy & Promotional Cell.

(b) to (d) During the year 1986-87 as per provisional figures, the loss of National Cooperative Consumers Federation was brought down to Rs. 2.52 crores from Rs. 2.71 crores during the previous year. However, there was a decline in the sales turnover during 1986-87 due to reduced allocation of controlled cloth to NCCF and a decline in the imported sugar business.

Additional funds for fulfilling target of Sixth Plan for providing drinking water to. villages

4129. DR. BAPU KALDATE; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there arer 2,27,000 villages without water in the country;

(b) what was the target during the Sixth Plan, and Seventh Plan;

(c) whether any additional allocation of funds would be made available to fulfil the target of the Sixth Plan; and

(d) what are the details thereof,

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOP MENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRI CULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) As on 1-4-1985 there were 2,27,000 problem villages in the country without safe drinking water facilities.

(b) At the commencement of the Sixth' Five Year Plan as on 1-4-1980 there were 2,30,784 problem villages out of which 1,92,024 were provided with safe drinking Water facilities. 38,748 villages spilled over to the Seventh Plan. The target during the Seventh Plan is to cover 2.27 lakh problem villages including the spill over problem villages of the Sixth Plan period. 93,598 villages have already been covered with safe drinking water facilities during the first two years of the Seventh Plan.

(c) and (d) The spill over problem villages of the Sixth Plan are likely to be covered by 31st March, 1988. Necessary funds are being provided by the States under the Minimum Needs Programme (MNP) and by the Central Government as

Central assistance under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP).

Recruitment in spite of overstaffing in NCCF

4130. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVIND-RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NCCF is over-staff and retrenchment of staff is under way; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard?

TH& MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI GHULAM NAM AZAD): *(a)* and (b) It is a fact that the NCCF is over staffed. Presently, there is no proposal for the retrenchment of its staff.

Alleged atrocities on Scheduled Caste of Neerukonda Village in Andhra Pradesh

wr 4131. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Harijans of Neerukonda village in District Gunter of Andhra Pradesh had suffered a series o£ attacks in the last two months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that in there attacks many Harijans were killed and more than 150 of their houses were gutted;

(c) whether it is also a fact that on -account of the harassment and intima tion suffered by them most of the villagers have fled their village and taken refuge in the Maangalgiri village;

(d) if so, what is the number of deaths and the number of Houses gutted and what is the extent of other losses suffered by them; and

(e) what steps Government are taking t_0 provide security of life and property to this weaker section of the society ana whether Government are providing compensation and constructing houses for the rehabilitation of those Harijans whose houses had been set on fire?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) According to the report received from the State Government of Andhra Pradesh, on loth July, 1987, a mob of 100 persons armed with deadly weapon$_s$ attacked the Harijan Basti in Neerukonda, In this incident, one Harijan aged about 70 years was killed and 4 received grievous injuries and 9 received simple injuries.

On 25th July, 1987, and incident of fire on houses of Harijans in Neerukonda occured in which 78 houses were gutted and 107 famiUes rendered homeless. There was, however, no casuality.

(c) to (e) The information will be laid on the Table of House on receipt from the State Government.

Financial assistance to Orissa for Drought

4132. KUMARI SUSHILA TIRIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the water resources have dried up at many places including backward and adivasi areas of Orissa due to unprecedented drought condition this year; and

(b) if so, what i$_s$ the amount of financial assistance being made available to the State of Orissa as a sequel to Prime Ministers' announcement on the 31st July, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN